

## JOIN-IN WEEKEND - 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007

The Welsh Highland Railway (Caernarfon) has become well known for its annual 'Super Power' event in early September but this year sees a change from the usual style.

The '**Join-In Weekend**' on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September will give WHRS members and enthusiasts the chance to become actively involved in everyday activities along the line and also provide opportunities to join some works trains too.

In case you are wondering why we are doing this after such a splendid 'Super Power' last year, there is good reason: Yes, it was great - the sun shone and lots of people flocked to Rhyd Ddu to get the first sight of a steam loco going towards Beddgelert Forest. However, as work goes on towards Porthmadog, there are still delicate negotiations going on with local landowners and users. One weekend could do such a lot to jeopardise the progress and we have therefore taken the decision to do something completely different.

This event will take the form of an Interactive Weekend with some, but not all, activities being subject to a suggested donation made to WHRS. There will be a weekend rover ticket and people taking part in activities **must** hold one of these tickets. The aim of the weekend is for visitors to get a taste of what goes on behind the scenes of Snowdonia's newest railway and to be involved in Britain's most exciting railway project at this time. For Welsh Highland Society members coming to their AGM, it is an opportunity to get involved or do something different.

Due to the limited numbers that can be accommodated on some of the activities, participants will have to pre-register their interest by phoning **01766 516024** - this also means that we can instantly provide alternatives if your 'first choice' of activity is no longer available.

Orders for tickets can also be taken by phone with immediate payment and donations being made by credit/debit card, or held for payment by cheque via the postal service.

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### **Weekend Rover Tickets:**

Third Class	Adult - £20 Concession - £18 Child - £10 Normal 'Free Child' allowances apply
Privilege Third*	Adult - £6 Concession - £5 Child - £3 'Free Child' allowance applies to 'Y Cerdyn' holders only

\*FR/WHRS/TRPS Members plus BR Privilege Card and 'Y Cerdyn' holders.

*Notes: WHRS Members 'Free Travel' privileges are suspended for the weekend. Our usual range of tickets remains available throughout the weekend - but these do not provide entitlement to participation in any of the 'Join-In' activities.*

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### **Photo Charter:**

There will be a photographic charter both mornings allowing photographers the chance to get some shots from lineside spots not usually available to them. This will depart Dinas at 0900, arriving at Rhyd Ddu at 1010. Included will be a permit giving access to the loco preparation area from 0730. The aim is to give each group the opportunity to photograph the loco being prepared, the train being shunted together before entering the station and the opportunity of at least two photo run pasts, probably at Tryfan Junction and Glanrafon Quarry.

Train: Garratt\* + F-set + assorted wagons. [\* Sat. - No.138 Sun. - No.143]

How it will operate...

07.30 Photographers (with pass) will have access to loco shed.  
08.15 Loco off shed to North yard. Make up train with wagons and carriages  
09.00 Depart Dinas  
10.10 Arrive Rhyd Ddu (to make connection with open top Bus)

Bacon Rolls (£2.50 each) will be available at Rhyd Ddu but must be pre-ordered - at the same time as booking your place on the Photo Charter. Normal buffet service of hot drinks and snacks will also be available on the train.

***Maximum 20 participants per day on these trains – No other passengers permitted.***

*Notes: Participants must wear sensible shoes and be capable of getting in and out of the coaches where there is no platform – approx 24" step.*

Suggested Donation: £10 - plus cost of Bacon Roll[s]

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### **Photo Competition:**

We are always on the lookout for good quality photographs that we can use for publicity purposes. So one way you can 'Join-In' and help us is by entering our competition for photographs (all formats) taken during the weekend. There will be three categories:

- 1 - Locomotives
- 2 - Trains in scenery
- 3 - People

Winning photos will be published on the FRCO website and in 'Snowdon Ranger' magazine, with the co-operation of the Editor. All entries are to be made on the understanding that they may be used by the FRCO for future publicity purposes (Photo credits are normally given where possible). It should be remembered that, if images are to be commercially printed, high-resolution files are preferred.

Digital images can be submitted by email to [roger.dimnick@festrail.co.uk](mailto:roger.dimnick@festrail.co.uk). Entries can also be accepted on CD/DVD, as transparencies or traditional prints - please send to: Roger Dimmick, Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways, Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9NF. Envelopes should also be marked 'WHR(C) Photo Competition'. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if you want your entry returned after judging. Closing date for all entries is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Full details of the Prizes will be announced shortly...

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### **Works Trains Phase Four:**

It is hoped to run two trains per day on to Phase Four to help out along the line – filling in gaps in lineside fencing to ensure they are sheep proof, cutting back overhanging trees, picking up construction 'left overs' etc, whilst carrying out maintenance work with volunteers and staff! This will not be too strenuous, but will give those who do not feel up to a whole weekend of tracklaying a chance to say they have been involved. Times and method of operation to be confirmed, but probably split into two groups - Group A 0930-1300, Group B 1330-1700. There will be an induction and registration first.

***Maximum 7 participants per group.***

*Notes: Participants must wear work clothing and steel toe-cap boots. We have a limited supply of protective footwear available, but it is preferable if you can bring your own. Detailed timings and instructions will be made provided shortly.*

Suggested Donation: £10

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### **Guided Walks:**

There will be more of our popular guided walks on Saturday and Sunday. These will be led, as last year, by Dai Roberts.

Saturday's walk will be a circular ramble starting from Beddgelert Car Park, heading for the Aberglaslyn Pass, onto the trackbed and through the tunnels to Nantmor, followed by the path up Cwm Bychan past the remains of the Copper workings and aerial ropeway, on to Llyn Dinas/Nant Gwynant and return to Beddgelert. It is expected that this will take around five hours to complete.

Sunday's walk will be less strenuous. Starting from Dinas Station, the walk will follow the Lôn Eifion path - examining the remains of the Nantlle Railway along the way. On the approaches to Caernarfon participants can either continue straight on to Caernarfon Station or, if you want to stretch your legs a bit further, bear right and follow the route of the Llanberis Branch as far as the Beddgelert road and on to Caernarfon Station via Segontium. It is expected that this will take around two and a half hours to complete. Return to Dinas by train – or on foot if you're feeling really energetic!

***Maximum 30 walkers per day - so prior registration will be required.***

*Notes: There will be no charge for these walks but participants must hold a valid Weekend Rover Ticket. Details of start times etc. will be supplied to participants as soon as they are available.*

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### **Footplate Rides:**

There will be 9 Footplate rides available on service trains each day – on a single one-way trip.

10.15 Ex Dinas – *Participant will be welcome to join in with the preparation of the engine from 09.00, and will continue till arrival at Rhyd Ddu at 11.50*

10.45 Ex Rhyd Ddu – *One way trip*

12.20 Ex Dinas – *One way trip*

12.20 Ex Rhyd Ddu – *One way trip*

13.55 Ex Dinas – *One way trip*

13.55 Ex Rhyd Ddu – *One way trip*

15.25 Ex Dinas – *One way trip*

15.25 Ex Rhyd Ddu – *including returning to Dinas at 16.55. Participants will be welcome to join in with the disposal of the loco at the end of the day*

16.50 Ex Rhyd Ddu – *including returning to Dinas at 18.17. Participants will be welcome to join in with the disposal of the loco at the end of the day*

*Notes: All participants must be at least 16 years old and be physically fit enough to get on and off the footplate by themselves and to stand for the duration of their time on the footplate.*

*They will be required to wear stout footwear and have their legs and arms fully covered.*

Suggested Donation: £35

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### **Hands Dirty:**

Here's a chance to try your hand at some of the 'smaller' but vital jobs around Dinas. Do as much as you like – or take a turn at each.

Help make our railway look even better – get stuck in with the gardening group

Do you like seeing our mixed trains – help keep the wagons looking good

Have you had a chance to help with K1 – now's your chance. (tbc)

Help replace the fencing around the Dinas headshunt.

Join any of the groups for an hour or so, followed by the traditional break for a 'panad' and a chat afterwards - then continue for longer if you like.

*Notes: Participants must wear sensible shoes and clothing – you could get dirty!!*

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### **Other Options:**

You can shadow a Guard, the Dinas Station Master or one of the Trolley Stewards. Try your hand at helping in Caernarfon Booking Office, or as a Rhyd Ddu 'stationer'.

Let us know if you are interested in doing any of these, and we'll sort out a schedule with you as there are no fixed timings on these activities. You can 'Join-In' for as long as suits your plans for the weekend - though obviously some of these activities are dictated by the timetable!

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### **What else will be going on?**

'Britomart' + Coach 1001 on shuttle trains between Caernarfon and Dinas.

Footplate rides on 'Castell Caernarfon' in Dinas Yard.

Phase Four display of photos, maps, plans & up-to-date info in and around Dinas Goods shed.

Model railway layout(s) in Goods shed

Shops stands

WHRS stand.

Café at Dinas.

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## ACTIVITIES CHECK SHEET

Remember - All activities **must** be pre-registered by phoning **01766 516024**. Use this section to record what you've booked.

<b>PHOTO CHARTER</b>	Saturday		Sunday	
<b>BACON ROLL(S)</b>				

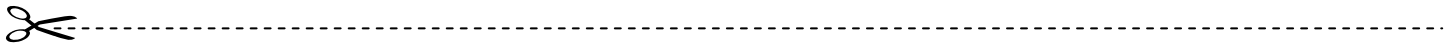
<b>PHASE FOUR WORKS TRAIN</b>	Saturday	AM.	Sunday	AM.
		PM.		PM.

<b>GUIDED WALK</b>	Saturday		Sunday	
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<b>FOOTPLATE RIDES</b>	Saturday	1015 ex-Dinas		Sunday	1015 ex-Dinas	
		1045 ex-Rhyd Ddu			1045 ex-Rhyd Ddu	
		1220 ex-Dinas			1220 ex-Dinas	
		1220 ex-Rhyd Ddu			1220 ex-Rhyd Ddu	
		1355 ex-Dinas			1355 ex-Dinas	
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<b>HANDS DIRTY</b> (Enter your choice of timings)	Saturday		Sunday	

<b>OTHER OPTIONS</b> (Enter your choice of activity and timings)	Saturday		Sunday	



### POSTAL PAYMENTS

Tickets can be ordered, paid for and donations made by Credit/Debit Card - just phone **01766 516024**. However, if you prefer to mail your payment, please complete the relevant details and send - with your cheque - to: **'Join-In Weekend', Rheilffordd Ffestiniog Railway, Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF**. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. Cheques should be made payable to Ffestiniog Railway Company. (Postal Applications should be received by Saturday 2nd September)

		No. of Tickets Required	Value			No. of Tickets Required	Value
<b>WEEKEND ROVER TICKETS</b>				<b>FR / WHRS / TRPS Member / BR Privilege / 'Y Cerdyn' Holders</b>			
Third Class	Adult	£20.00	£ _____	Card No/s	Adult	£ 6.00	£ _____
	Concession	£18.00	£ _____		Concession	£ 5.00	£ _____
	Child	£10.00	£ _____		Child	£ 3.00	£ _____
	Free Child		£ 0.00		Free Child ('Y Cerdyn' only)		£ 0.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_